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Dear Ms. Renata Hesse:

As a conservative republican, I'm going to go against my uninformed colleagues, and strongly support any action taken to punish Microsoft. I am also a software engineer. The fact is, that Microsoft has single-handedly and significantly lowered standards for software in the industry. They consistantly engage in illegal business practices that stifle innovation. Microsoft doesn't innovate - they wait for someone else to bring innovative products to market, copy that product (with a low-quality imitation), and then leverage that product with an operating system that was brought to the market in the same way. Anyone who brings an innovative idea into the software market is therefore driven out of business. Bill Clinton and Microsoft prove that competence is unimportant, marketing is much more reliable.

Sincerely,

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